THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 9th September 1946.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Re-employment of retired gazetted officers.

* 24 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Gazetted Officers in the various departments of Government who were entitled to retirement or had retired but have been re-employed;

(*b*) the terms on which such re-employment is generally made;

(*c*) whether such re-employment of retired persons was absolutely necessary;

(*d*) whether there have been complaints from officers in those departments that their chances of promotion have been barred by such re-employment; and

(*e*) now that the exigencies of war are over, whether the Government propose to discharge them?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) 152 (one hundred and fifty-two).

" (*b*) Re-employment is made for a specific term subject to the following conditions :—

(1) continued efficiency and satisfactory work;

(2) service will be liable to termination at one month's notice, within the specified term;

(3) the pension will be allowed and in addition such pay as will bring emoluments up to the rate of pay drawn on the date of retirement.

" (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*d*) The answer is in the affirmative. Two complaints from individual officers and two from service associations.

" (*e*) On the 10th June 1946 the Government issued orders that thereafter no person who had been retired from service should be re-employed unless there were exceptional circumstances justifying such a step. Instructions have also been issued to the effect that there is no obligation to retain retired persons in service to the end of the period for which they have been re-employed and that their services may be dispensed with on a month's notice in accordance with the terms mentioned in the answer to clause (*b*)."